

GREAT STRIDES MADE BY NORFOLK IN 1916

Year of Prosperity in Business, Religious and Social Life and City Government.

BUILDING OPERATIONS HEAVY

Period Was Record-Breaker as Regard Exports and Imports—Several War Political Contests During the Twelve Months.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., December 30.—The year 1916 was good to Norfolk, in business, in politics, in religious and social life, and in city government there was evidence of a progressive spirit that made growth and prosperity a certainty and gave promise of still greater progress in the future.
This spirit is reflected in the 100 per cent increase in building operations, in the approach to the \$20,000,000 mark made by exports from this port, in the increase in imports to \$12,000,000, in the increase in lumber shipments to normal, after the deep depression caused by the European war, in the appropriation of hundreds of thousands for municipal purposes, for schools for public buildings and for the encouragement of private enterprise, in the movement started for a simplified form of government, in the reduction of the size of the city council so as to make it less cumbersome, and in the abolition of one useless office, and in many other ways.
Industrially Norfolk never has known a more successful year than 1916. Complete recovery from the depression occasioned by the great war marked practically every line of business.

BIG EXTENSIONS PROMISED FOR THE NAVY-YARD

Surmounting every other growth or promise of growth are the extensions promised for the navy-yard, extensions that will make this port one of the strongest and largest naval bases in the world. Even with no other work than that already planned by the Federal government, the navy-yard at Norfolk is estimated to be spent in making Norfolk the true home of the American navy.

Shortage of railroad cars still is proving a deterrent feature in the lumber industry, but in spite of that, nearly normal conditions have been regained. For 1916 lumber shipments totaled 7,600,000 feet.

Never before has there been greater effort devoted to water-front improvement. Practically every large development here in the last year has been on the water front, the largest expenditure along these lines being the erection of two piers by the Norfolk and Western Railway at an initial cost of \$1,250,000. The Virginia Railway has started to triple the capacity of its enormous coal pier at Swallow's Point.

Adoption of a resolution by the Council appropriating \$250,000 for the purchase of a site for a municipal dock and property to sell to factories desiring to locate in the vicinity, was the outstanding feature of the year. A Council that also authorized an appropriation of \$200,000 to aid the proposed Washington-to-Norfolk railway. Politically, there were few changes during the year, although there were several warm contests for the office of mayor and the anti-machine faction secured honors. In each case the "ring" stood in and the "outs" stood out, except the Citizens party lost three Councilmen.

The year was a record-breaker in the history of the export and import business of the port of Norfolk. The total exports for the year amounted to \$12,000,000, as against \$2,500,000 in 1915, or an increase in exports for the year of \$9,500,000.

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ENTRANCE IN WARE

The year was a great one for the port, there having been during the year 1588 entrances here of vessels engaged in foreign trade, with 1,775 foreign clearances. Coastwise entrances at Norfolk during the year totaled 1,216, with 1,897 clearances of coastwise vessels from the port.

During the year just ended 1,633 vessels cleared from Hampton Roads in the foreign trade, of which 1,775 were from Norfolk and 1,254 from Newport News.

The total exports from Hampton Roads for the year amounted in value to \$12,000,000, as against \$2,500,000 in 1915. This was a falling off of \$9,500,000 during the year just ending, due to the exportation of fewer horses and mules, but was a gain for the year 1916 of nearly \$100,000,000 in export values as over the year 1915.

The total Hampton Roads exports during 1916 of \$12,000,000, Newport News is credited with \$7,925,604, and Norfolk with \$58,141,375.

The total imports for Hampton Roads for 1916 were \$12,000,000, of which \$2,015,687 is credited to Norfolk and \$10,984,313 to Newport News. The increase of Hampton Roads imports for 1916 over 1915 was \$181,728, these imports for 1915 having totaled only \$7,900,895.

Three Chief Points in American Note

Administration Surprised That They Have Not Been More Clearly Understood.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, December 30.—The American government, it became known authoritatively to-day, believes there are three principal points in its note to the belligerents, and is surprised that they have not been more clearly understood, particularly by the press of the entente allies.

These points, taken in their order of importance from the administration viewpoint are:

The fear that the position of neutral nations be "rendered altogether intolerable" if the war continues.

The suggestion that arrangements be made as a guarantee against similar conflicts in the future.

The proposal that means be found for comparing the concrete peace terms of both sides.

The last point has aroused most comment, and the first was emphasized by Secretary Lansing's statement, after the war ends, the United States itself might be drawing near entrance into the war.

The administration, however, it was learned to-day, thought the suggestion for an arrangement to preserve peace in the future would attract more attention among the entente allies than it apparently has, and furnish a means through which these nations could enter with perfect propriety into a serious peace discussion.

If such an arrangement could be made, the administration feels, there would be no ground for the fear that agreements over terms made between the belligerents would not be kept after the present war ends. It was pointed out to-day that such a fear has been one of the main objections of the entente allies to entering into peace discussions.

MARINE INSURANCE RATES SHOW ANOTHER INCREASE

NEW YORK, December 29.—Marine insurance rates to-day showed another increase. Underwriters quoted a 6 to 8 per cent for insuring cargoes bound to ports of the United Kingdom, and 10 per cent to Mediterranean ports. A few days ago these rates stood at 5 to 7 per cent.

The advance was attributed to reports that the Lamport & Holt liner Voltaire, long overdue, had been captured by a German prize crew and was lying on allied freighters in the North Atlantic and to the fact that several transatlantic steamers are now overdue on both sides of the ocean. Although the Voltaire from Liverpool to New York is fourteen days behind her schedule, representatives of the line here said that they had not given up hope and should not do so until they heard officially that their vessel had been lost. In maritime circles it was pointed out that anxiety over the nonarrival of steamers is unnecessary, exaggerated, on account of rough weather it is said that several steamships are taking from twenty-three to twenty-eight days to cross from British and French ports, and from Genoa and Marseilles the crossing has been as long as thirty-eight days.

Underwriters say it is difficult to know just when a vessel left a British port for New York, because a government port might order her into another port where she might be detained for a week or more.

Marine underwriters admit that they have sustained heavy losses, particularly during the months of September, October and November last. They say, however, that no company has been seriously crippled by such losses, and usually have been well distributed.

At the regular meeting yesterday of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners, City Auditor Crenshaw was ordered to transfer the sum of \$337,000 for the payment of interest on the city's outstanding bonds, while \$147,000 was ordered used for other purposes. Checks for the interest were mailed out last night by Mr. Crenshaw. The board also transacted certain routine business.

Sinking Fund Board Meets

The largest item of importation at Norfolk during the year was that of iron from China, amounting to 27,414 tons, valued at \$10,844,430. Other principal items of importation were copper ore from Cuba, logwood from Haiti and Mexico, and pyrites from Spain.

BY MANY VESSELS

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TO ELIMINATE BOOTLEGGING

Effort Will Be Made in West Virginia Legislature to Regulate Sale of Intoxicants.

[By Associated Press.]
CHARLESTON, W. Va., December 30.—An effort will be made at the coming session of the Legislature to eliminate the crime of bootlegging by permitting the sale of limited quantities of intoxicants to such qualified voters as desire to do so on record as purchasers.

The movement, which is favored by Senator C. C. Coalter, of Hinton, will take the form of an amendment to the prohibitory law. It will make county clerks ex officio deputy commissioners of prohibition, with power to issue permits allowing the holder to have shipped to his home address, not more than two quarts of whiskey, four quarts of wine, or two dozen pints of beer not oftener than once a month.

Senator Coalter and his supporters believe that if the sale of intoxicants can be regulated in this way, the widespread illegal retailing will cease.

HID AMONG CORPSES

Austrian Soldier Lay for Two Days and Two Nights Without Food or Drink.

ROME, December 29.—On the second day of the last Carso offensive a major was ordered to rebuild and strengthen some of the demolished Austrian positions, which included a kind of artificial crater. The Italians had found full of Austrian dead. As was afterward discovered, an Austrian soldier had remained hidden among these dead, without food or drink, for two days and two nights.

While the field was full of soldiers, feverishly piling up sandbags and mixing cement, a rifle report was heard, and a bersaglieri dispatch-bearer was seen to drop in his tracks as he crossed the crater. His surprised comrades rushed up to ascertain whence the shot had come, but nothing was discovered.

The incident was reported to the major, and a careful investigation was made. At the major stood on the edge of the crater he saw a leg move from under the pile of dead bodies, and soon afterward a soldier, resembling more a beast than a human being, raised his arm and motioned the major that he was wounded in the abdomen.

The major motioned back to wait, sent for a stretcher and left the crater. He had hardly gone fifty yards when another report was heard and another soldier was killed. As the major turned a third report rang out and a bullet pierced an officer's heart.

Everybody rushed for his rifle, and hundreds of shots were fired into the mass of dead bodies. Then the pile was searched, and under a heavy coat the Austrian was found, his Mauser rifle, still hot, at his side.

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Often when Poslam is applied to an eruption, that is the last you will see of the disorder, and the skin is clear next morning.

Poslam is efficient in the treatment of any skin trouble. Its merits are easily demonstrated by trial. Eruptions are easily removed. Blackheads and adolescent pimples removed. Nothing equals Poslam for Eczema, itching spots, at once. All eruptions troubles are controlled and driven away.

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ONE of the very smartest Dress Pumps for Party or Street wear, made of Patent Leather or Gun Metal Calf Skin with turn sole and Pull Louis Heel.

Evening Slippers in all the newest styles and materials, including Gold and Silver Cloth, Patent Leather, Beaded Black and White Kid and Satin in Black, White, Blue and Pink. Prices are \$3.00 to \$10.00





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Special Veiling

A splendid showing of Novelty Scroll Veiling in combinations of Black and Gold. Very special. 59c

**To-Morrow, Being New Year's Day,
This Store Will Close at 1 o'Clock---Note These**

Monday Morning Bargains

—In order that our employees may join with the public at large in to-morrow's festivities, we shall close the store at 1 o'clock. The morning hours, however, will be devoted to a Carnival of Bargains that is bound to bring out hundreds of shrewd shoppers who will include among their New Year's resolutions firm intentions to save all the money possible. A few of these Bargain Plums listed below.

\$35 & \$37.50 Sport Suits

—All Knit Sport Suits of the above value—trimmed with fur or plain; also a showing of smart Dress Suits of similar value, at choice. **\$25.00**

6 Handkerchiefs for 25c

—These women's sheer hemstitched Handkerchiefs are embroidered in Laver, Pink and Blue—6 different style initials to each package. **25c**

Women's New \$25 Coats

—Many feature large fur collars. Materials are mostly high grade velours, and each model reveals a new style. All colors & sizes **\$15.00**

Save on Rugs To-Morrow

—A showing of Sanford high grade Seamless Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet in size, featuring Oriental, solid and all-over designs, choice **\$29.75**

Special Evening Dresses

—One of a style, but a good assortment to select from, embracing almost every shade. Every size included. **\$39.50**
\$50.00 and \$55.00 values...

Special Curtains--Hurry

—While the lot holds out we shall offer beautiful Filet Net Curtains, finished with neat cluny edges—2 1/2 yards long—special, pair. **\$1.98**

Children's Raincoats, \$2.98

—These will be shown with hats to match, in Navy and Tan. Complete size range from 6 to 16; most wonderful values. **\$2.98**

\$1.00 Special Brassieres

—No woman can afford to overlook this opportunity to obtain at least one of these high grade, handsomely trimmed Brassieres for only **75c**

Crepe de Chine Waists

Two smart styles will be placed at your disposal in flesh and white. Also a collection of high grade tailor-made Jap Silk Blouses, at **\$1.98**

Men's Coat Sweaters, 85c

—Regardless of their regular value we shall place on sale prompt at store opening a big lot of these Sweaters—V neck, gray only, at **85c**

Coffee Percolator, \$1.25

Self Wringing Mops, very special. **39c**
Porcelain Cups and Saucers, pair. **7c**
Genuine O'cedar Mops, Monday. **69c**
Waffle Irons for Oil or Gas Stove **\$1.25**

Boys' Gauntlet Gloves

—Warm, serviceable and very special at the price advertised. Made of Plush, well sewn and reinforced with a leather palm. All sizes **50c**

Monday Morning Bargains in Basement

10c Outing Flannels —Choose from assorted patterns for pajamas and gowns. 53c For only 15c	Women's Muslin Gowns —Assorted styles. Every gown is effectively trimmed with lace. Monday to 29c	\$2.50 Woolnapped Blankets —Even at their regular price they are big values, 11-14 sizes, pair. \$1.79	\$6.50 Plaid Blankets —Good Warm Blankets, in a splendid range of desirable colors. Pair \$5.59
New 15c Percales —Every piece comes a yard wide. Assorted colors. Monday to 12c	75c Union Suits —Women's extra sizes, slightly imported. Wonderful values at 39c	\$6.50 Plaid Blankets —Good Warm Blankets, in a splendid range of desirable colors. Pair \$5.59	Special Crib Blankets —Take your pick of Mother goose patterns, in pink and blue for only 59c
12 1/2c Dress Gingham —A showing of the most popular plaids and checks. Very special at 7 1/2c	Children's Underwear —Pleeced Ribbed Vests and Pants, in assorted sizes. Monday, per garment 10c	Boys' Norfolk Suits —Usual \$3.50 and \$4.98 suits, in assorted sizes, reduced Monday to \$2.98	20c Pillow Cases —Substantial heavy grade, and in good large sizes. Monday's price is 15c
Domest Flannels, 6 1/2c —Most every woman is familiar with these. Reached our Flannels. Special 6 1/2c			

Infants' Corduroy Hats

—To-morrow morning we shall offer these White Corduroy Hats, effectively trimmed with ribbon and worth all of \$1.25 at choice for **75c**

\$3.98 Zibeline Coats

—What little tot and its mother will not be glad to secure one of these Gray Zibeline Coats, trimmed with black velvet—to 6 years. **\$2.98**

Special School Dresses

—In conjunction with other special Monday Morning Bargains you must see these new Gingham Dresses, in sizes to 6, at **98c, 79c** and **59c**

Richelieu Union Suits

—Winter weight garments in women's sizes. Choice of low, Dutch or High neck, ankle or knee length. One of to-morrow's biggest values at **85c**

New 33-inch Kiddie Cloth

—You will have choice of the most favored stripes and plain colors. White and colored grounds are both included. Exceptional quality **19c**

39c Bleached Bath Towels

—Not more than one case of these double Thread Towels, 21x42 inches in size, very durable and absorbent, will be sold to-morrow at **25c**

Regular \$1.98 Charmeuse

—Considering the width—40 inches, and the fact that you can select from Blue, Green, Gray and Black, the price is very special at **\$1.40**

Book Store Bargains

—A child's large book of Cut Outs... **25c**
—Table of popular Fiction, choice... **19c**
—Boy Scouts, 10 titles, cloth bound... **10c**
—Special lot of Colored Rosaries... **50c**

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—The showing will include many stunning creations most effectively trimmed with Ornaments, Flowers and Fancy Feathers. Your favorite **\$1.00**


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—Scarfs are 18x54 and the centers 36 inches in size. All stamped on good cotton Mohawk for white or colored embroidery. Choice **25c**

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I consider that plenty of iron in my blood is the secret of my great strength, power and endurance.

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take nuxated iron. I am convinced that the lives of thousands of persons might be saved by the use of this iron tonic. I have seen many cases of pneumonia, grippe, consumption, kidney and liver and heart trouble, etc. The real cause of these ailments is the lack of iron in the blood. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable you to change your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it and as a consequence you become weak, pale and sickly looking. Just like a plant trying to grow in soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test. Show how you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron. Three times per day after meals for two weeks. 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